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CLOSURE OF SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING AREAS TO CONSERVE CHILKAT RIVER KING SALMON

Haines... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that due to a low preseason inriver run size forecast of Chilkat River king salmon, subsistence salmon fisheries in Chilkat Inlet and the Chilkat River will be managed conservatively.

Subsistence fisheries in Lynn Canal and Chilkat Inlet are managed under the *Lynn Canal and Chilkat River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan* (5 AAC 33.384). This plan directs the department to manage fisheries to achieve an inriver run size of 1,850 – 3,600 large (three year ocean age and older) king salmon. The inriver run size goal was not achieved in 2012–2014, 2016, or 2017, and the 2018 preseason inriver run size forecast is below the lower bound of the escapement goal range.

The marine subsistence fishery in Chilkat Inlet will be closed through July 20, 2018. From July 21 through July 27, Chilkat Inlet will be open south of the marker on Letnikof Point and north of Glacier Point. Starting July 28, all of Chilkat Inlet north of Glacier Point will be open. The marine subsistence fishery in Lutak Inlet and Chilkoot Inlet north of Battery Point will open as normal on June 16, 2018.

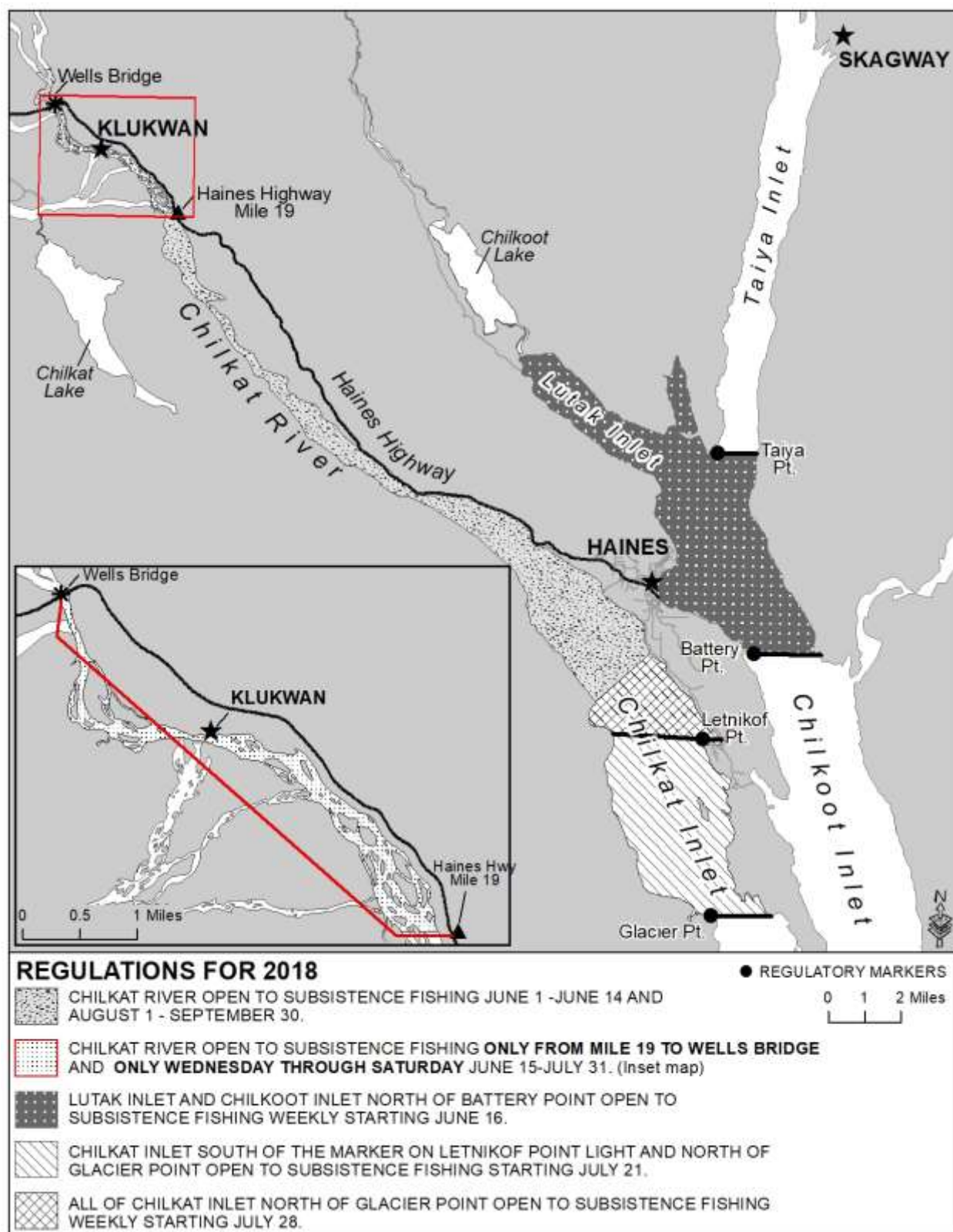
The subsistence fishery in the Chilkat River will be open from June 1 through June 14 from Haines Highway mile 4 to one mile upstream of Wells Bridge. The subsistence fishery in the Chilkat River will be closed from June 15 through July 31, excluding that portion of the river between Haines Highway mile 19 and Wells Bridge. The Chilkat River between Haines Highway mile 19 and Wells Bridge will be open Wednesday through Saturday of each week from June 15 through July 31.

Additionally, the department is requesting all king salmon incidentally caught in area subsistence fisheries be released to assist in rebuilding the Chilkat River king salmon run. The actions described above are intended to reduce harvests of Chilkat River king salmon and allow king salmon to reach spawning areas. Please refer to landmarks shown on the map on the following page identifying the closed areas.

Registration for Southeast Alaska and Yakutat Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Permits are now only available at the online ADF&G Store: www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/

Please report harvest online any time (www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU), or drop harvest reports off at the Haines office or mail them to ADF&G at PO Box 330 Haines, AK 99827 by November 10, 2018.

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